

3 Women Hurt in Arsenal Blast

Three women suffered what were reported to be minor injuries at 10:55 o'clock Thursday night in an explosion that occurred while they were pressing a demolition block at the Kankakee unit of the Joliet arsenal.

The women were treated at the plant hospital and permitted to return to their homes, according to an arsenal spokesman.

The injured were identified as:
Mrs. Juanita Morrison, of 257
East Locust St., Kankakee.

Mrs. Madalyn Matteson, 300
Third Ave., Joliet.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Cinotto, of 119
North Main St., Wilmington.

Several other workers in the small frame building at the time of the explosion, escaped injuries, the spokesman said. There was no fire following the blast. Names of those who managed to flee to safety were not available.

DAMAGES to the one-story frame structure were listed at \$800. The spokesman said that damage was held to a minimum by protective safety barricades and the design of the building.

The explosion occurred in what is known as the block press house No. 5, in the block press area of the Kankakee Unit of the arsenal.

Cause of the explosion is unknown. However, intensive investigation is under way by the U. S. Rubber Co., the operating contractor and the U. S. army personnel, it was reported.

On May 13, an explosion at the Kankakee unit caused damages estimated at \$100,000. No one was injured.